Transfer Policy framed by Central Water Commission

1892. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the transfer policy framed by the Central Water Commission is uniformly applied to all the categories of employees;

(b) whether it is a fact that some employees have represented to the authorities in the Central Water Commission for their transfers to their home States after the completion of their tenure period which were not entertained whereas some employees having links with the authorities get such transfer orders within seven to eight months of their postings; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard and what are the reasons for such differential treatment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (c) The transfer policy of Central Water Commission outlines the general principles and guidelines to govern the postings and transfers of Central Water Commission employees. All possible efforts are made to accommodate the requests of staff for posting at desired places according to the policy, and in doing so, other relevant factors such as the availability of vacancies at those places, the exigencies of service etc. are also taken into account.

Clearance of Subarnarekha Barrage Project

1893. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Subarnarekha Barrage Project which was submitted by the West Bengal Government long ago is pending final clearance;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what are the reasons for the delay in its clearance; and

(d) by when it is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (d) The Subernarekha Barrage Project of West Bengal was apprised in Central Water Commission. The State Government was required to obtain environment and forests clearance. During such clearance the State Government indicated that they have proposed to shift the location of the barrage about 25 km. upstream. This changes the scope of the project and thus the State Government has to submit a modified project proposal for re-appraisal at the Centre.

Multi-currency loan raised by Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India Limited

1894. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India Limited (ICICI) has raised an amount of US $ 100 million multi-currency loan; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India Limited (ICICI) has contracted a US $ 100 million multicurrency loan through a syndicate of banks with Fuji Bank Ltd. acting as the agent.